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Antitank Obstacles in Devin Okoliya

1. Informant observed an antitank obstacle, approximately three meters high, two meters long, and 1.3 meters wide, at a sharp turn in the road from Zabal (N 41-44, E 24-26) to Nasta (N 41-43, E 24-25), Devin Okoliya, approximately one kilometer from the Devin-Shiroka Luka road.
2. The antitank obstacle consisted of a concrete block, with a triangular cavity measuring about 50 x 90 x 15 cm. located at the base of the block. The cavity will be used to house an explosive charge which, when detonated, will throw the block across the road. At the point of the road where the antitank obstacle is located, the road is carved from the face of a cliff forming a ledge with a 50 meter drop.
3. Two road blocks were constructed on the road from Shiroka Polyana (N 41-46, E 24-10) to Dospat (N 41-39, E 24-08), Devin Okoliya. Informant was unable to define the location of the blocks more precisely.

Pre-Military Training in Plovdiv

4. On 23 April 1953, all members of the class of 1933 residing in Plovdiv were summoned to the Home of the People's Army (the former Military Club). They were told to attend pre-military training courses at Communist Party and DSNM (Dimitrovski S'uyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov's Union of the People's Youth) clubs.
5. The courses were held three times a week, on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Army officers familiarized the youths with military insignia, terminology, and drill.

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6. The groups were divided into training units of unknown strength called "Komandi." Attendance at the courses was obligatory, and those who failed to attend were severely punished.

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